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NIPAH VIRUS THREAT

Entry Check

A health staff screening travellers at Bavali check-post yesterday.

- **Government Advisory: Defer plans to visit Kerala or enter Karnataka till October end**
- **Mysuru and Kodagu health officials say no need to worry as of now**

Mysuru/Madikeri, Sept. 9 (MTY, Akshay&BCT)- With Nipah virus cases rising in Kerala, the Health, Police and Forest Departments have strengthened its surveillance and preparedness in the districts bordering Kerala and the main focus is Mysuru, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar.

While officials manning the check-posts have been increased, those arriving from Kerala with symptoms like fever, altered mental status, severe weakness, headache, respiratory distress, cough, vomiting, muscle pain, convulsion and diarrhoea are being sent back. Apart from stringent Rapid Antigen tests at all check-posts, all entrants are being subjected to thermal screening and they are sent back even if there is a slight rise in temperatures.

Health officials from Mysuru and Kodagu said that there is no need to worry as of now. "No Nipah cases have been reported so far," said Kodagu District Health Officer Dr. R. Venkatesh. "All regions sharing borders with Kerala are being observed closely and Nipah resistance activities have also begun," he added.

(See CHECK-POST on page 7)

Holiday

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of *Ganesh Chaturthi*. Hence, there will be no issue of ***Star of Mysore*** dated 10.9.2021.

Greetings

We wish a happy and prosperous Gowri-Ganesha to all our readers, subscribers, advertisers, patrons, delivery boys, agents and well-wishers. —**Management**

Cabinet approves Rs. 14.38 crore DPR for clearing solid waste pile at Vidyaranyapuram

Mysuru, Sept. 9 (PM&BCT)- The Karnataka Cabinet has approved the Detailed Project Report (DPR) worth Rs. 14.38 crore to clear mounds of legacy waste that has piled up over the years, causing unbearable stench at the Solid Waste Management Unit (Excel Plant) at Sewage Farm premises in Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru.

Over 3.08 lakh tonnes of waste will be cleared under the project through biomining, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha. The DPR was submitted for approval by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). It may be recalled here that in March this year, the MCC had called tenders from global bidders to clear the legacy waste at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.13 crore.

In January last year, after much struggles and protests, the District Administration took a decision to go ahead with a Bioremediation (biomining) project to clear the waste that has been dumped for over 30 years.

Bioremediation is the best process to clear the waste. It is a process of treating contaminated soil and subsurface material by altering environmental conditions to stimulate growth of micro-organisms and to degrade the target pollutants. The company that bags the tender has the responsibility of segregation of the waste before processing.

The waste clearance work has been divided into three parts — biomining methods, outsourcing vehicles for the biomining project like excavators, back-hoe loaders, front-end loaders, tippers and tractors and third is to transport the Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF) derived after the booming to cement factories.

Pratap Simha said that the DPR has been prepared to include all expenditure and was re-submitted to the Government and the same has been approved by the Cabinet. Once the legacy waste is cleared, an estimated 25 acres of land at Vidyaranyapuram can be reclaimed by the MCC.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 9th September 2021

Kanchana Sisters to sing at Nadabrahma on Sept.13

Kanchana Sisters Sri Ranjani and Sruti Ranjani

Mysuru, Sept. 9 - Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha is restarting its activity after a brief halt due to the pandemic. Accordingly a musical programme will be held on Sept. 13 (Monday) at 6 pm at the Sabha premises on JLB Road.

Kanchana Sisters Sri Ranjani and Sruti Ranjani will present a vocal duet in the T.V. Srinivasan Memorial Concert sponsored by Nagarajan Srinivasan on that day. They will be accompanied by Pradeshachar on violin, K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujan on ghata.

Kanchana Sisters are among the most sought after duet vocalists in the classical music sphere today. They were elected to be on the esteemed Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) panel of artistes and have been performing on prestigious platforms in India and abroad.

They hail from a family of musicians who were Tamil Iyers and had settled in Bajathur village in Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka. Besides being the toppers of their University in LLB (law) degree, both followed music as their passion and profession and are 'A' graded artistes in All India Radio (AIR).

Government announces ten-day Dasara holiday for Schools

Bengaluru, Sept.9- Days after the Government declared re-opening of Schools, the Education Department on Tuesday announced the schedule of Dasara and summer holidays for the current academic year (2021-22) for Schools in the State.

According to the schedule, all Schools (Government, aided, unaided and private) will be closed for Dasara for 10 days from Oct.10 to 20, 2021.

The Schools will close for summer holidays for four weeks from May 1 to 28, 2022. As per the academic calendar, Schools will run classes for 223 days and the students will get a total of 66 days as holidays in the academic year 2021-22.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The spyware is like a virus similar to COVID. It enters a system, modifies its operation and collects the details contained in smart devices. Like the use of masks and keeping a safe distance, the solution is by providing a proper shield and screening mechanism before installation of software and to avoid loading unwanted or sparingly used software modules. Another precaution which can be taken is to use a dumb device without complex bought out software and loaded only with simple modules for limited purposes of communication.

In today's world when everything is turning digital, monitoring and control of data storage and its use is the primary responsibility of any Government. For this, they will have to depend on some software packages developed by reputed companies or of their own. Critical application development of protection systems and monitoring any misuse of cyber capabilities have to be taken by the Government on priority. While doing so, the freedom of expression and maintaining confidentiality of personal details are to be ensured. Adequate checks and balances are to be put in place through formal official mechanisms while monitoring social media and personal communications without compromising national security.

— G. Madhavan Nair in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Michael Jordan's used underwear up for auction

New York: A sports memorabilia website announced a pair of Michael Jordan's underwear bearing signs of "definite use" is being auctioned with a starting bid of 500 dollars.

Website Lelands said the underwear formerly belonged to the legendary Chicago Bulls player and is being sold by a family member of John Michael Wozniak, Jordan's former security guard.

The website said the "unusual item" shows signs of "definite use" and has "some loose threads evident at the seams."

Lelands said the underwear was one of several items gifted to Wozniak from Jordan. He also received suits, ties, belts and jackets formerly worn by the basketball great. Bidding closes Sept. 25.

Mobile home abandoned in middle of road

Texas: Authorities in Texas are asking the public for help with an unusual mystery after a mobile home was found abandoned on a trailer in the middle of a road.

The Kaufman County Sheriff's Office said the trailer loaded with a manufactured house was found abandoned in the roadway of Farm-to-Market 2578 in Kaufman County on Tuesday.

The sheriff's office said in a Facebook post that the home was loaded onto a trailer, but no tow vehicle was found.

"The Kaufman County Sheriff's Office needs your help locating the owner and/or transport company of this trailer that was left on FM 2578 blocking the roadway," the post said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

People Who Smoke May Need More Anesthesia Than Non-smokers. If you know ahead of time that you're going to be undergoing surgery, quitting smoking even just a few days beforehand can help reduce your risk of complications and help you heal.

By Dr. Balasubramanyam P K - Consultant – Anaesthesiology

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Mysore Heritage Ladies Circle-109 team installed

Cr. Hemalatha was installed as Chairperson of Mysore Heritage Ladies Circle-109 during the 14th Annual General Meeting held at a Hotel in city recently. Others seen are Vice-Chairperson Cr. Akshara, Secretary Cr. Vinutha, Treasurer Cr. Komal, IPC Cr. Mani Rohan, Area 13 Chairperson Cr. Dr. Priyanka Ravi Kumar and APAC Chairperson Cr.Namratha Shenoy.

REALLY...?

- ***City Montessori School is a co-educational private school offering education in English medium in the city of Lucknow with over 55,000 students and 4,500 staff across 18 campuses. The City Montessori School (India) was awarded the 2002 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education.***
- ***Bethune College is a women's college located in Kolkata and is affiliated to the University of Calcutta with a motto of 'Viddaya Vindatey Amritam'. It's the first women's college in Asia and the oldest women's college.***
- ***India has Asia's largest residential University.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Couple were out shopping. Wife suddenly remembered that her mother's birthday was coming up. She said, "Honey, can we look for a birthday present for mom? She wants something electric." Husband said, "Sure, honey. How about a chair?"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.75
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.59
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.08
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.13

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	SEPTEMBER 7	SEPTEMBER 8
Day's Positive Cases	53	64
Total Positive Cases	1,76,623	1,76,687
Day's Discharges	98	96
Total Discharges	1,73,361	1,73,457
Day's Deaths	2	2
Total Deaths	2,369	2,371
Total Active Cases	893	859

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

An appeal to Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha

Go back to original name of the Game Sanctuary

Sir,

We are reading in newspapers a demand for renaming the Rajiv Gandhi National Park at Nagarahole as Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa National Park.

Considering the sentiments of the local people and those who have special love for the Game Sanctuary, it is best to revert to the original name with a local flavour — Nagarahole National Park.

Since the original name was changed by the then Chief Minister for political reasons, I request our Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, who is spearheading the demand for change of name, to rename the Sanctuary as Nagarahole National Park and fulfill the aspirations of the people.

—K.B. Ganapathy

Mysuru 8.9.2021

MGP monthly virtual meeting on 'Passport Seva Kendra'

Mysuru, Sept. 9- The Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), in its monthly virtual awareness-cum-interaction programme, has invited Darshan, Verification Officer, Mysore Passport Seva Kendra, Metagalli Post Office, Mysuru, to create awareness on the basic services of the Mysuru Passport Seva Kendra in issuing/renewal of passports and other services to the citizens of Mysuru and surrounding districts.

The virtual programme will be held on Sunday (Sept. 12) at 4 pm. MGP members and public, who are desirous to participate and interact with the speaker, may contact Ph: 0821-2515150 and also forward their questions/grievances, if any, by e-mail to *mygrapa@gmail.com* well in advance.

Questions during the virtual programme are usually not entertained due to paucity of time. Persons interested to join the meet may use the following link to participate in the virtual programme:

https://meet.google.com/vcp-ndix-gms or open Meet and enter this code vcp-ndix-gms

Persons desirous of becoming members of MGP can contact MGP Office on Ph: 0821-2515150 between 5 pm and 9 pm for any information.

Task Force to boost internet connectivity in Districts

Bengaluru, Sept. 9 (UNI)- Techies and students working from their native districts and villages in Karnataka might not have to worry about internet connectivity for too long as the IT Ministry has constituted a Task Force to improve internet in the districts.

During the recent Jan Ashirwad Yatra held in six districts of Karnataka by Minister of State for IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar, there were numerous requests to improve speed and access to internet connectivity in some parts of each district.

"The Minister had promised a MeitY (Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology) Task Force would be sent to study the same in each district. In response

Rajeev Chandrasekhar

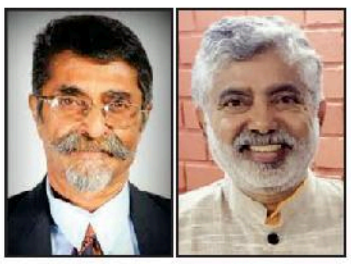
to this commitment, a MeitY Task Force consisting of officers of National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) swiftly began their visit and work," a press release said.

"The Task Force officials would visit each district and meet people. They will also visit State Government officials and submit a report to the Minister," the release added.

The Ministry said, "one of the policy priorities of the Government is to connect all Indians and ensure the benefits of Digital India programme reaches every Indian directly."

Kodava Academy Awards Announced

Sculptor Appaneravanda Kiran Subbaiah, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa among 12 achievers



Kiran Subbaiah Addanda C. Cariappa

Madikeri, Sept. 9 (BCT)- The annual awards and book awards conferred by Karnataka Kodava Sahitya Academy have been announced and 12 achievers will receive the honours this year.

Academy Chairperson Dr. Ammatanda Parvathi Appaiah said that the awards function will be held at Kodava Samaja in Makkandur on Sept. 12. The annual awards event could not be held last year due to the pandemic and the awards for both years will be presented on Sept. 12.

Madikeri MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan will inaugurate the programme. Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah, MLC M.P. Sunil Subramani, MLC Veena Achaiah and others will take part in the event.

The honorary awardees for the present year are: Monnanda Shobha Subbaiah and Badakadammanda Kasturi Govinda Mayya (literature), late Kameyanda C. Ayyanna and Bottolanda Kali Achaiah (art), Kambiranda Cauvery Ponnappa (research) and Appaneravanda Kiran Subbaiah (sculpture).

The annual book awards will be presented for 'Pojang,' a collection of poems by Bacharaniyanda P. Appanna and Ranu Appanna, 'Mahavira Achunayaka', a novel by Kadyamada Reeta Bopaiah, 'Badk Pinja Dechavva,' a play by Addanda C. Cariappa, 'Nadapeda Asha,' a novel by Nagesh Kaluru, 'Nanga Daar Kodava' by Maletira Seethamma Vivek and 'Nataka Ranga' by Uluvangada Cauvery Uday.

The honorary awards will comprise a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 each while the book awards comprise Rs. 25,000 each. Kodava thesaurus 'Pala Pajel Kodava Takk' will also be released on the occasion. There are 5,000 words and descriptions that have been given in Kannada, Hindi and English.

Multi-dimensional sculpting

Appaneravanda Kiran Subbaiah, known for his multi-dimensional sculpting — a specialised genre which seems to be a single statue but actually has several more angles to it — said that finally the Kodava Sahitya Academy has given him an award. "I thought I would not receive the Academy Award in my lifetime. I am glad that they have recognised my work at last," he told *Star of Mysore*.

The sculptor regretted that many genuine achievers in the Kodava community have not got their due recognition though there are awards for other communities despite their achievements being minor.

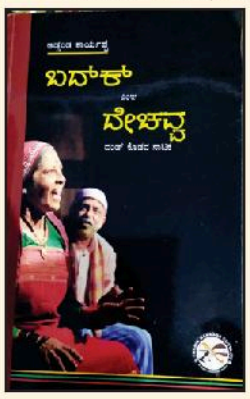
Kiran's sculpture is unique where each side is carved in such a way that the subject on one side does not interfere with the subjects on the other, yet the correlation is aesthetically brought out.

His house on New Sayyaji Rao Road near Bamboo Bazaar in Mysuru is a one-of-its-kind Sculpture Museum aptly named 'Shilpaniketana.'

*[NOTE: **Star of Mysore** had featured Kiran Subbaiah in its **Weekend Star Supplement** titled 'Sculptures' on Dec. 20, 2008]*

Prescribed as textbook

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* on being chosen for the book award, **Addanda C. Cariappa,** who is the present Rangayana Mysuru Director, said he was happy that his literary work has been recognised by the Academy. "The play 'Badk' has seen more than 70 shows. Also the book 'Badk Pinja Dechavva' has been prescribed as a text book by the Kodava Sahitya Academy. The actual play and the book are different in the performance and literary aspects. While the play is purely performance-oriented, the book is a hardcore literary work," he said and added that 'Dechavva' is another play in the book.



Six plays

Uluvangada Cauvery Uday said that her book 'Nataka Ranga' is a collection of six plays that is a combination of historic and social themes that give a message to the society. There are humorous plays too. "I used to perform in many plays at Sambhrama Ladies Club in T. Shettigeri, South Kodagu. These plays were written for many cultural events and now I have compiled the same into a book that has got the award," she said.

Workshop to create eco-friendly Ganesha

With Ganesha Chaturthi round the corner, environmentally conscious residents of Roopanagar participated in a workshop to make their own eco-friendly, hand-sculpted clay Ganesha idols, under the guidance of Badekkila Shyamasundara Bhat. The event was organised in the premises of Deepa School by 'Women Power Roopanagar', a group of like minded women of Roopanagar, Mysuru. The participants enjoyed the workshop and appreciated the initiative. This is also in tune with United Nations Decade for 'Ecosystem Restoration' — Reimagine - Recreate - Restore.

NEWS BRIEFS

Free Coaching for Sub-Inspector exam

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Exams Training Centre has organised free coaching for aspirants taking up recruitment exams for Karnataka Civil Police Sub-Inspector posts. Interested candidates may register before Sept. 14 between 10 am and 4 pm at the Centre at Mukthagangothri. [Ph: 0821-2515944 or Mob: 99647-60090].

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM)

has awarded Ph.D in DoS in Earth Science to **K. Vybhav** for his thesis 'Appraisal of fluvial carbon flux due to geological processes along the course of the river Cauvery in parts of Tamil Nadu, South India' [Guide: Dr. K.N. Prakash Narasimha]

Bangalore University has awarded Ph.D in Law to **P. Ashwini** for her thesis 'Legal regulation on media in India — A comparative study with reference to USA' [Guide: Dr. N. Sathish Gowda]

Bharathiar University, Comibatore, Tamil Nadu, has awarded Ph.D in Mathematics to **S. Vasanth Kumar** for his thesis 'Some studies on Ramanujan continued fractions and q-series' [Guide: Dr. M.R. Rajesh Kanna]

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Yesterday	:	116.00 feet
Inflow	:	11,225 cusecs
Outflow	:	10,809 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,280.17 feet
Inflow	:	5,140 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,950 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,858.06 feet
Inflow	:	4,535 cusecs
Outflow	:	5,713 cusecs

Eight Jumbos to take part in 'Nada Habba'

Dasara procession limited to Mysore Palace premises this year too

Mysuru, Sept. 9 (MTY&KS)- A total of eight elephants (3 female and 5 male) will be participating in this year's Dasara celebrations in Mysuru and the grand finale 'Jumboo Savari' is limited only inside the Palace premises this year too, following COVID pandemic.

The eight elephants which will be participating in this year's Dasara are: Abhimanyu, Gopalaswamy, Dhananjaya, Vikrama, Ashwathama, Kaveri, Chaitra and Lakshmi.

Abhimanyu

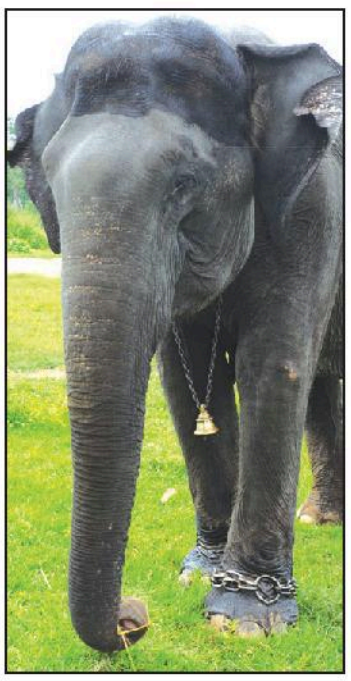
Housed in Mathigodu Elephant Camp, Abhimanyu, nicknamed as 'Fearless' had carried the 750-kg Golden Howdah for the first time last year and has been given the same responsibility this year too.

Abhimanyu is 56-year-old, 2.27 mts tall, 3.51 mts long and weighs 4,720 kg. While J.K. Vasantha is his Mahout, J.K. Raju is his Kavadi.

Abhimanyu, who was captured at Hebballa Forest area in Kodagu district in 1970, has a special ability to capture wild elephants and help Forest staff during taming them and providing treatment. He has taken part during operations and has been successful in capturing 140-150 wild elephants and 40-50 tigers. He also has the ability to know for what operation he is being taken and prepares himself for it.

Gopalaswamy

Aged 38 years, Gopalaswamy was captured at Yethur of Sakleshpur in Hassan district in 2009 and housed in Mathigodu Elephant Camp. He is involved in operations to capture wild elephants and tigers and has been participating in Mysuru Dasara since 2012. He is 2.85 mts. tall, 3.42 mts. long and weighs 4,420 kg. J.D. Manju is his Mahout and Srujan his Kavadi.



Kaveri

The 44-year-old female elephant was captured at Adinaduru Forest Area in Somwarpet, Kodagu, in 2009 and has been participating in Dasara since nine years.

Housed in Dubare Elephant Camp, Kaveri is 2.60 mts tall, 3.32 mts long and weighs 3,220 kg. While J.K. Dobi is her Mahout, J.V. Ranjan is the Kavadi. She has been participating as a Kumki elephant in 'Jumboo Savari.'

Lakshmi

This 20-year-old female elephant, which was separated from its herd, was being taken care at the Department's elephant camp and now housed in Rampura Elephant Camp. Lakshmi is being used to capture wild elephants and tigers and has been participating in Dasara since 2019. She is 2.32 mts tall, 2.60 mts long and weighs 2,540 kg. J.H. Chandra is the Mahout and H.A. Lava the Kavadi.

Dhananjaya

Captured in Yasalur Zone in Hassan district in 2013, 43-year-old Dhananjaya is housed in Dubare Elephant Camp and is also involved in capturing wild elephants and tigers. He has been participating in Dasara since three years.

He is 2.92 mts tall, 3.84 mts long and weighs 4,050 kg. J.C. Bhaskar is his Mahout and J.A. Mani is the Kavadi.

Chaitra

The 48-year-old female elephant, which is now housed in Rampura Elephant camp, is the daughter of Gange in the Forest Department's camp. Chaitra is involved in operation to capture wild elephants and tigers and is participating in Dasara since 2018. She is 2.30 mts tall, 3.10 mts long and weighs 2,600 kg. Bhoja is her Mahout and Kaleem Pasha is the Kavadi.

Vikrama

Captured at Doddabetta Forest area in 1990, 58-year-old Vikrama, who is housed in Dubare Elephant Camp, is participating in Dasara since 18 years and participating as 'Pattada Aane' in the puja rituals at Mysore Palace since 2015. He is 2.89 mts tall, 3.43 mts long and weighs 3,820 kg. While J.K. Putta is his Mahout, Hemanth Kumar is the Kavadi.

Ashwathama

This 34-year-old male elephant was captured at Sakleshpur Range of Hassan Division in 2017 and it is for the first time he is participating in Mysuru Dasara.

Housed in Dodda Harave Elephant Camp, Ashwathama is 2.85 mts tall, 3.46 mts long and weighs 3,630 kg. He is being taken care of by Mahout Ganesha and Kavadi Shivu.

Tiger mauls youth to death near Veeranahosahalli

- Body dragged for about 80 mts inside the forest
- MLA Manjunath hands over Rs. 2 lakh compensation

Veeranahosahalli, Sept. 9 (Hanagod Mahesh, MTY&KS)- A tiger, which attacked a tribal youth, who had gone to attend nature's call in the forest area, has mauled him to death and has dragged the dead body for about 150 mts inside the forest. The incident is said to have taken place yesterday morning at Ayyanakere Tribal Hamlet near Veeranahosahalli in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Forest.

Ganesh

> The tiger after attacking the youth and killing him, has dragged the body to a distance of 80-100 mts but has not devoured it. As it had bitten the head, the skull has been damaged but there are no wounds found on other parts of the body, Forest Department officials said.

The deceased is Ganesh (19), son of Kariya and Lakshmi couple, residents of the tribal hamlet. Yesterday at about 9 am, Ganesh left his house to attend nature's call in the forest area when the tiger attacked him. The incident has created a sense of fear among the tribals as the tiger attack took place within 150 mts from the tribal hamlet.

Though there is a trench dug up between the tribal hamlet and forest area, Ganesh is said to have crossed over the trench to reach the forest border. When he neared the huge lantana bushes, the tiger attacked Ganesh, held his head and had dragged him to about 80 mts inside the forest area, left the body in the bushes and has fled.

As Ganesh did not come back even after 12 noon, his mother Lakshmi, sister Geetha and a few tribals went in search of him and spotted blood droplets on the mud path and leaves. After following the blood droplets, which led them to the bushes at a distance, they found the body of Ganesh, with his face covered with blood.

Forest Department staff, who rushed to the spot, confirmed that the youth was killed by a tiger and informed their higher officers.

Tribals stage protest: Following the youth being killed by a tiger, residents of Ayyanakere Tribal Hamlet expressed anger on the Forest Department and staged a protest. The protesting tribals refrained the Forest staff from taking the body for post-mortem and demanded Nagarahole Director Mahesh Kumar to come to the spot and provide compensation to the deceased Ganesh's family. The Forest staff, who feared that the tiger may come back again, stayed put at the spot and kept a watch.

Meanwhile, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Hanumantharaju, Circle Inspector Chikkaswamy, tribal leaders J.P. Rajappa, Chandra, Shivanna and others came to the spot and convinced the protesting tribals of getting the compensation. Though the tribals did not allow the Forest staff to take the body for post-mortem, Police and Forest staff, with the help of a few tribal leaders, shifted the body to Hunsur General Hospital for post-mortem.

Cage placed to trap the tiger: Meanwhile, Hunsur Sub-Division Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Satish, who reached the spot, got a cage and placed it near the spot to trap the tiger. The Forest staff stayed put near the tribal hamlet and guarded the place yesterday night.

MLA hands over compensation cheque

MLA H.P. Manjunath, who held a meeting with tribals this morning, handed over the compensation cheque for Rs. 2 lakh to deceased Ganesh's family members. The remaining Rs. 5.5 lakh compensation cheque will be released after completing the procedure and other formalities, the MLA added.

Obituary

Rajamma

Mysuru, Sept. 9- Rajamma (82), a resident of Seethavilas Choultry on Chamaraja Double Road, passed away this noon in city. She leaves behind her husband, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this evening, according to family sources.

M.V. Anuradha

M.V. Anuradha (59), wife of Nagabhushan and a resident of J.C. Nagar, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Maridevegowda

Pandavapura: Chikkade C. Maridevegowda (78), senior Congress leader and former President of TAPCMS, passed away yesterday following a heart attack.

He had also served as the Vice-President of PSSK Factory and was a close associate of former CM S.M. Krishna.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, three sons, son-in-law H. Thyagaraju, former Zilla Panchayat member and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chikkade village yesterday afternoon.

Police advice students found partying in secluded spot

Mysuru, Sept. 9 (RK&KS)- Alanahalli Police have advised two students who were found partying at a secluded spot near the place where a girl student was gang raped at Lalithadripura recently. The two students were brought to the Police Station, where the Police advised them and sent them.

On Monday at about 7 pm, a girl and a boy student, who came to the spot in a car bearing registration of another State, were carrying liquor bottles and were going towards the secluded spot, when the public spotted them and informed Alanahalli Police.

Soon, a PCR vehicle was despatched to the spot and the Police personnel, who saw them, brought them to the Police Station. The students had already consumed liquor by that time. The Police officers, who advised them against indulging in such activity, called their parents and informed them about the same.

The Police, who came to know that they were medical students, called up the medical college head over the phone and informed about the issue besides urging the college head not to allow students out of the hostel.

It is learnt that the two medical students were from North India and as they are not familiar with the place and also localites, they seem to choose such secluded spots to party, which is resulting in crimes such as extortion, dacoity and rape.

The Police, who informed the students about it, undertook writing from the students that they would not repeat it, warned and sent them.

Farmer injured as bullet fired by poacher pierces stomach

Srirangapatna, Sept. 9 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- A farmer sustained serious injuries when a bullet fired by a poacher pierced his stomach. The incident took place at Melapura village in the taluk yesterday.

The injured farmer has been identified as 45-year-old Madesh, son of Mahadeva of Melapura and Srirangapatna Police, who have taken persons hailing from Rammanahalli, Hebbal, Kodagu and Melukote into custody are interrogating them.

Yesterday evening, the accused who had come to Melapura village to hunt wild boars, were waiting for the wild animal and on seeing it, one of the accused fired a shot from a country-made gun, which pierced Madesh's stomach, who was working in the farm house and damaged the liver. He has been admitted in an ICU at a hospital.

Police take six persons into custody

Meanwhile, the villagers have accused the authorities concerned of not taking action despite knowing that poaching of wild boars, wild rabbits and wild cats were taking place in the region. They said that poachers were very active in Mahadevapura Forest and surrounding areas daily since many years, use dogs to search for wild animals, use country-made weapons such as guns and that too without licence to hunt wild animals.

Dy.SP Sandesh Kumar, Inspector Vivekananda, Sub-Inspector Ravi and staff inspected the spot, seized the country-made gun and are investigating after registering a case.

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Gajapayana on Sept. 13

- Traditional welcome to jumbos at Mysore Palace on Sept. 16
- Dasara inauguration atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 7
- 'Utsavamurthy' procession from Hill temple to Palace
- 'Jumboo Savari' procession in Palace premises on Oct. 15
- Palace to be illuminated from 7 pm to 9.30 pm during Navarathri

Mysuru, Sept.9 (MTY&DM)- With 'Nada Habba' Dasara festival, which is to be celebrated in a simple manner on account of COVID crisis, just a month away, District Minister S.T. Somashekar said that 'Gajapayana', the march of Dasara elephants from their forest camps to Mysore Palace, will be launched at Veeranahosahalli in Hunsur taluk of the district at 9.30 am on Sept.13.

Speaking to presspersons after holding a Dasara preparatory meeting and release of 'Gajapayana' poster at Mysore Palace Board Office here yesterday, Somashekar said that last year only five elephants were brought to Mysuru for Dasara. But this year, 8 elephants will be brought to Mysuru from different elephant camps in Mysuru and Kodagu districts.

Pointing out that Dasara elephants will be accorded traditional welcome at Mysore Palace premises on Sept.16 (in the auspicious time between 8.36 am and 9.11 am), he said that the elephants will be taken back to their respective camps on Oct.17 after the conclusion of 'Nada Habba'.

Noting that the Forest Department has sought Rs.50 lakh fund for maintenance of Dasara elephants, the Minister said that the meeting agreed to sanction the sought fund along with clearing last year's dues of Rs.23 lakh.

Referring to Dasara inauguration, Somashekar said that the festival will be inaugurated atop Chamundi Hill by performing puja to the presiding deity in the auspicious time between 8.15 am and 8.45 am on Oct.7.

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Maintaining that the 'Utsavamurthy' will be brought in a procession from Chamundi Hill to Mysore Palace in order to enable people to have a *darshan* of Goddess Chamundeshwari during Dasara, he said that the selection of the dignitary to inaugurate Dasara has been left to the discretion of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

'Jumboo Savari' procession will be held on Oct.15, with 'Ambari Pushparchane' to take place between 5 pm and 5.36 pm in the Palace premises.

Stating that Dasara elephant Abhimanyu will carry the Golden Howdah (Ambari) this time too, the Minister said that Abhimanyu will be accompanied by seven other elephants — Ashwathama, Dhananjaya, Vikrama, Kaveri, Chaitra, Lakshmi and Gopalaswamy. **[See also Page - 4]**

Noting that 100-km length of Mysuru streets will be illuminated during Dasara this year as compared to 60 kms last year, the Minister said that the street lighting will cover a total of 150 roads and 77 Circles and junctions in the city.

Also, the Mysore Palace will be illuminated from 7 pm till 9.30 pm on all days from Oct.7 to 15, he added.

Cultural programmes

Continuing, Somashekar said that cultural programmes will take place only in the Palace premises for seven days in the evenings.

Asserting that artistes of the State will be given preference in cultural events, he said that the number of persons to be allowed to take part in 'Jumboo Savari' event inside the Palace premises on Oct.15 will be decided based on the COVID situation as at the end of September.

Three tableaux

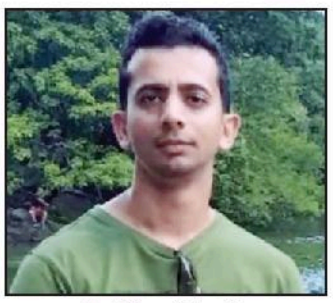
Referring to tableaux, Somashekar said that last year there were only two tableaux but this year, there will be three tableaux, including the ones that portray the rich culture of Mysuru, 75th year of Indian Independence celebrations and on COVID-19 awareness.

Somashekar released the poster featuring the photographs of eight Dasara elephants on the occasion. MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra, Niranjan Kumar, G.T. Devegowda and B. Harshavardhan, MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, DCF (Wildlife) V. Karikalan, ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya and other officials were present at the meeting.

Governor visits Chamundi Hill Temple

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who is also the Chancellor of State Universities, was in Mysuru for the first time to attend the 101st Convocation of Mysore University on Sept. 7. During his stay in city, he also visited Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the Hill and offered prayers. Picture shows Temple Chief Priest Shashishekar Dixit greeting the Governor, who was accompanied by DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham and others on the occasion.

Bags Cain Fellowship



Dr. Vikas Chonira

Mysuru, Sept. 9- Dr. Vikas Chonira has been awarded The Cain Fellowship Award for 2021, instituted by Texas A & M University, USA, for his creation of engineered protein therapeutics which are drugs that are genetically engineered versions of naturally occurring human proteins, against the COVID-19 Virus.

The award carries a prize money of 25,000 dollars and an opportunity to academically impact the scientific field.

Dr. Vikas is the son of Chonira T. Kariappa, ex-Chief Engineer from Shipping Corporation of India/retired DGM, Mangalore Chemicals and Fertilisers, and Dr. Geetha Kariappa (Pulianda), Professor, SJCE, Mysuru. He is the grandson of Pulianda late W. Ganapathi and late Ivy Ganapathi, Mysuru and Chonira late K. Thammaiah and late Gangamma, Hudikeri, Kodagu.

Vikas was a student of St. Aloysius High School and St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru. He completed his MBBS degree from Kasturba Medical College, Mangaluru and acquired his International Physician Certificate - ECFMG from USA. He completed his Post-Graduation Studies in Genetics and earned his Ph.D in Molecular Biology, from the Department of Biological Sciences, Waikato University, New Zealand, on a full scholarship, in 2018. He worked on his Doctoral thesis, Engineering and Characterisation of Anti-progesterone OBodies.

OBodies are a new class of high-specificity binding proteins with several important advantages over the conventional antibody approach. He was very successful in engineering his first commercial OBodies, while earning his Ph.D side by side.

Vikas is a molecular biologist, a protein engineering specialist with more than 7 years of international experience, who is currently working as a Research scientist, in the Department of Microbial Pathogenesis & Immunology, Texas A & M College of Medicine, Texas, USA. Earlier, he worked as a Post-doctoral research fellow, in The Feinberg School of Medicine, North Western University, Chicago, USA.

Do not permit statues at public utility places: HC

Bengaluru, Sept. 9 (UNI& Agencies)- The High Court (HC) of Karnataka has directed the State Government to ensure implementation of the Supreme Court's 2013 direction to all States not to grant permission for installation of statues or construction of any structure on public roads, pavements, sideways, and other public utility places.

A Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order on Tuesday after quashing the permission granted by the State and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in 2017 for installation of a statue of Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji at the Gun House Circle near Mysore Palace.

The Court passed the order after allowing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petition filed by Akhila Bharata Kshatriya Mahasabha and Karnataka Rajya Arasu Sangha, Bengaluru, challenging the decision to install the Seer's statue.

The Bench found that both the March 3, 2017, decision of the Government and August 2018 resolution passed by the MCC to install the statue at the Circle was contrary to the direction of the Apex Court. The HC on January 29, 2018, stayed the Government's March 2017 decision.

"State Governments shall not grant permission for installation of statue or construction of structure on public roads, pavements, sideways and other public utility places. Obviously, this order shall not apply to installation of high mast lights, streetlights or construction relating to electrification, traffic, toll or development and beautification of the streets, highways, roads etc. and relating to public utility and facilities. The Chief Secretary/Administrator concerned shall ensure compliance of the order," the Supreme Court had stated in its order.

Refusing to accept the Government's contention that the spot where the Seer's statue was proposed to be installed does not come under the definition of public area as per the Apex Court's order, the Bench, from the map, noticed that the spot is a place where six roads join and the Circle is part of the road.

Sa. Ra. Mahesh land issue

Govt. withdraws Commissioner's order for resurvey

Fresh probe ordered into Mysuru, Mandya 'land grab' cases

Bengaluru, Sept. 9 (KMS & BCT)- The State Government has withdrawn the order passed by Commissioner of Survey, Settlement and Land Records Munish Moudgil to re-survey certain parcels of land — particularly where SaRa Convention Hall that is owned by JD(S) MLA Sa. Ra. Mahesh stands — in and around Mysuru where there are complaints of vast land encroachments.

Based on a petition filed by an activist demanding a comprehensive survey of Government lands, Moudgil ordered a survey of certain parcels of land at Kergalli, Yadahalli, Dattagalli, and Lingambudhi villages in Jayapura Hobli, Kasaba Hobli and land at Srirangapatna and Belagola in Mandya districts. A team was constituted and it was asked to submit a report within 10 days.

Munish Moudgil Sa.Ra. Mahesh

As per the new order issued yesterday by the Revenue Department Deputy Secretary M.E. Channabasavaraju, the team constituted by the Commissioner of Survey has no powers to order a comprehensive probe and inquiry into land encroachments but it has only powers to survey the land.

The Government has now ordered the Deputy Commissioners of Mysuru and Mandya to conduct a probe into the encroachment allegations. At no point, the DCs should divest the investigative powers to anyone and must submit a report to the Government within three weeks. The DCs have the powers to name officers in the probe team, says the Deputy Secretary's order.

Strict vigil at check-posts

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Mysuru District H.D. Kote Taluk Health Officer Dr. Ravikumar said there is no need for panic as Nipah virus has not been reported in the districts neighbouring Kerala. He also added that the necessary measures are being taken to resist the spread of the virus.

Advisory issued

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Government yesterday issued an advisory restricting the entry of students, employees and others into the State from Kerala till the end of October amid fears of Nipah outbreak and a possible third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Health Department has requested the authorities and other private players to see to it that people postpone their travel plans till the end of October.

Jawaid Akthar, Additional Chief Secretary in the Health and Family Welfare Department, said all Administrators and Principals of educational, nursing, paramedical institutions have been advised to instruct their wards to defer their return till the end of October. Further, they should direct their students and other staff not to travel to Kerala from Karnataka for the same period.

Similar guidelines have also been issued to all the administrators, owners of hospitals, nursing homes, offices, hotels, resorts, home stays, factories and industries. People have been advised to defer their plans to visit Kerala till the end of October.

Checking underway at Kushalnagar check-post.

The advisory also states that a surveillance system must be put in place to identify encephalitis clusters, which can lead to the early detection of a Nipah virus outbreak.

Samples from those suspected to be infected with the virus at the border districts, along with those of their contacts, are to be sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune to confirm the infection.

District administrations have also been instructed to submit daily reports of the same, even if no cases are found. Nipah virus is an emerging zoonotic virus (a virus transmitted to humans from animals). Fruit bats of the family Pteropodidae — particularly species belonging to the Pteropus genus — are the natural hosts of Nipah virus.

JD(S) keeps 'bag scam' alive;

seeks action against IAS Officer

Mysuru, Sept. 9 (SPN, RKB & BCT)- Days after K.R. Nagar MLA Sa.Ra. Mahesh stoked a controversy against IAS officer accusing the officer of Rs. 6 crore scam in the purchase of cotton bags when she was the Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru where she had approved to buy 14 lakh cloth bags from Karnataka Handlooms Development Corporation (KHDC), his supporters and JD(S) workers have now demanded action against the officer.

Rohini Sindhuri

JD(S) members in the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and certain members of K.R. Nagar Gram Panchayats (GPs) urged District Minister S.T. Somashekar to withdraw the order passed by Rohini Sindhuri alleging that she had misused powers of the Corporation and Panchayats.

They said that the bags were bought at Rs. 52 per piece while the same bags are available at Rs. 13 including GST. The cloth bags were supposed to be distributed in MCC and GP limits. However, the MCC Council didn't approve the plan. Since then, the boxes of bags have been stocked in the MCC godown, they said.

The total cost of the 14,71,458 bags is 7.65 crore while it is available for Rs. 1.47 crore, they said and demanded action.

Following the allegations made by the MLA, Rohini Sindhuri had already clarified that the allegations against her are "blatant lies and contrary to the truth."

Sindhuri, who is now Commissioner in the Endowment Department, while displaying various documents related to the purchase of cloth bags, said last week, "The work order for cloth bags distribution scheme was given to State-run KHDC and the order was placed in compliance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) Act."

Insisting that not a single rupee was paid as kickback during her tenure as Mysuru DC, Sindhuri said that Nanjangud CMC recently made a payment of about Rs. 9.6 lakh to KHDC and is the first ULB to do so.

"It is an attempt to browbeat and scare officers, who dare to inquire into illegalities and irregularities against people representatives and other individuals," she clarified.

Similar allegations have also been made against the IAS Officer by K.R. Nagar Municipality members owing loyalty to MLA Mahesh.

They said that Rohini Sindhuri and the present DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham have asked the Municipality to return the Rs. 10 lakh award given by the State Government in order to purchase cloth bags.

The JD(S) leaders, including Mahesh, Corporators K.V. Sridhar, Prema Shankaregowda, Ashwini Ananthu, Bhagya Madesh and others, were present while submitting the memorandum to the Minister.

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02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	13.10	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
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06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12:50	16:35	Daily	Fully reserved
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06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	Daily Passenger	Unreserved
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DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

From Vedas to Puranas

Vedas were composed 3,000 years ago, while the Puranas were composed 1,500 years ago. In between, came the great epics, Ramayana and Mahabharata, after the Vedas, but before the Puranas. The two reflect dramatically different world views. Vedas do not factor in monastic ideals; the Puranas do, as do the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.

Vedas were composed orally in old Vedic Sanskrit, centuries before the Mauryan Era. Ramayana, Mahabharata and the Puranas were written down in Classical Sanskrit based on Panini's rules of grammar, around the Gupta Era. The stories were likely to have been transmitted orally for a long time before being written. Evidence for this is found internally: the Ramayana is first recited by Luv and Kush before Ram; the Mahabharata is recited by Vaisampayana before Jamadagni; the Puranas is recited orally at Naimisha forest by the storytellers Romaharshana and Ugrashrava. But when? Most likely after the rise of Buddhism.

A close study of Brahmana literature dated to 700 BCE (2,700 years ago) reveals stories of Matsya avatar and Varaha avatar, but the fish and wild boar are linked to Prajapati, not Vishnu. Earlier still, in Rig Veda, we get references to Vishnu 'taking three strides across the sky'. A thousand years later, this becomes the three steps of Vaman avatar. This indicates that ideas from the Vedas and Brahmanas form the seed of stories that manifest in Puranas. However, they transformed dramatically after the rise of monastic orders, that challenged old Vedic ideals.

In the Buddhist Jataka tales, we find the story of an elephant fighting a crab that seeks to drown it. This story is carved even on stupa railings. In the oldest Hindu temple dated to Gupta times found in Deogarh, we find an elephant struggling against a serpent.

In the Puranas, we encounter the same story: but now, the serpent has become a crocodile. This is the story of Gajendra Moksha, from Vishnu Purana. In Buddhist tale, the elephant saves itself; in the Hindu tale, Vishnu rescues the trapped elephant. Thus,

the crab becomes snake, then crocodile and the parable becomes an allegory of faith, over many centuries.

In the Vedas, the most important God remains Indra, the War God. He loves his drink Soma that reaches him via Agni, the Fire God. In Brahmanas, Prajapati becomes an important God and he is father of Devas and Asuras, who fight each other. In Buddhist literature, Prajapati is identified as Brahma. Both he and Indra bow to Buddha. By the time of Puranas, both Buddha and Indra have lower positions. Higher position is given to Shiva and Vishnu, who keep saving Indra from Asuras.

Vedas clearly belong to a period before the rise of Shramana philosophy, that is ascetic practices of Buddhists, Jains, Ajivikas and various forest-dwellers known as Tapasvis, Yatis and Munis. So before 2,500 years ago.

By contrast, Ramayana, Mahabharata and Puranas are a response to the ascetic practices and monastic orders, so less than 2,500 years old. They value household and social responsibility over everything else.

Ram is the king who goes to the forest and returns. Pandavas are kings who go to the forest and return. Shiva is a hermit who gets married. Vishnu is constantly descending on earth to solve problems of householders.

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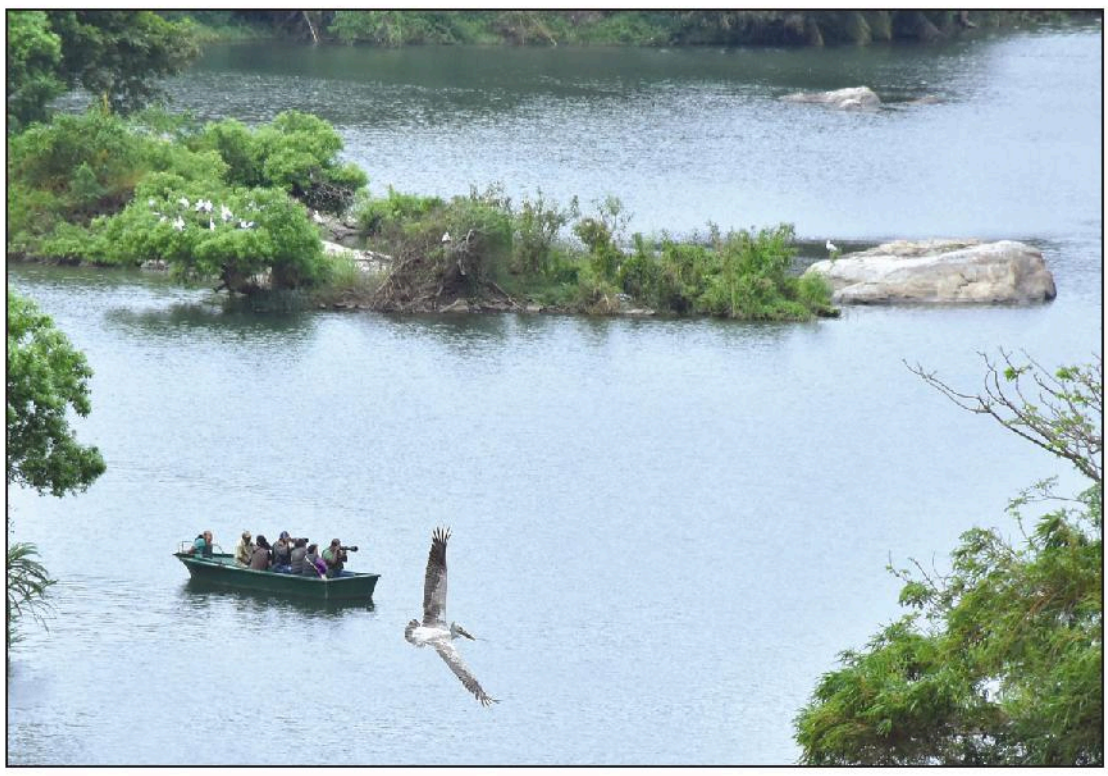
State seeks Ramsar Site Tag for Ranganathittu Sanctuary



Mysuru, Sept. 9 (MTY&BCT)- The State Government has sent a proposal to the Centre seeking Ramsar Site Tag for Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary near Srirangapatna in Mandya district. If wetlands or Ramsar Sites are declared, they require stringent conservation measures.

The Government has written to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), seeking Ramsar recognition for Ranganathittu and once approved, it will be binding on the State and the Centre to protect the entire Ranganathittu that has been recognised by the Bombay Natural History Society as a bird area of national importance.

The renowned islets of Ranganathittu on the banks of the river Cauvery is a fit place to get Ramsar Tag and the Forest Department has been promoting the area as a safe zone for winged beauties. "Ranganathittu has the potential to be recognised as a Ramsar Wetland Site as it meets some of the criteria pertaining to local flora, fauna and ecology," V. Karikalan, Mysuru Deputy Conservator of Forests, told *Star of Mysore*.

According to Wetland Rules 2017, wetlands and Ramsar Sites (wetland sites designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, an intergovernmental environmental treaty by UNESCO, 1975) should be outside forest areas. India is a signatory to the Ramsar Convention, which was adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971. The convention provides a framework for conservation of wetlands and their resources. There are currently 46 sites in India recognised as Ramsar wetland sites of international importance, but none of them are in Karnataka.

Karikalan added that the proposal had gone from Mysuru for Ranganathittu two years back. "The Centre would have sought some clarification regarding Ranganathittu now the Government would have sent the same. We are ready to provide any support. Even when the bird census was conducted at Ranganathittu in 2019, it was compiled for the Ramsar Site Tag," he added.

The census was conducted on scientific lines and they adopted two methods — Total Count Method and Nest Count Method. Every boat had at least one camera to record the species of the bird. But the prime importance was given to bird sightings, nest sightings and bird calls, based on which the survey was conducted. The data collated during the survey, reports, bird counts, surveys, was submitted to MoEF&CC.

Selected for 'Karnataka Kalashree' Award

Nadaswara Vidwan R. Rangaswamy

Chamarajanagar, Sept. 9 (AK)- Nadaswara Vidwan R. Rangaswamy has bagged the annual 'Karnataka Kalashree' award from the Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy for the year 2021-22.

The 56-year-old Rangaswamy is a native of Ramasamudra in Chamarajanagar district and has an experience of 30 years in playing Nadaswara.

Rangaswamy's father and grandfather too were musicians. After initial music training from his father, he trained under Nadaswara Vidwan Kunjappa from Tamil Nadu.

He has also received Nadaswara training from Mysore Palace Asthana Vidwan Mysore N. Nagaraj.

Vid. Rangaswamy has performed in neighbouring States like Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh apart from Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Mysuru and Mandya. He has also given musical programme in *Doordarshan* channel.

He has been honoured with many awards from various organisations in recognition of his contribution towards music.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* about being selected for 'Karnataka Kalashree' award, Vid. Rangaswamy said: "I am extremely happy that Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy has selected me for the award considering my service to the field of music. I will continue to serve music throughout my life."

Online music concert on Saturday

Vid. Aravind *Vid. Bharadwaj* *Vid. Rahul*

Mysuru, Sept. 9- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, in association with Sri Guruguha Gana Sabha, will be presenting a grand online vocal concert by **Vid. Kalyanapuram Aravind Soundararajan** of Chennai, on Saturday (Sept. 11) at 5 pm on its YouTube Channel ***[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5duKEUSvk8XXBra6TWQnSA]*** on the occasion of Ganesha Festival.

Vid. Aravind is a disciple of *Sangeeta Kalanidhi, Padma Bhushan* Madurai T.N. Seshagopalan, the renowned vocalist and Harikatha Vidwan.

He will be accompanied by eminent young artistes, **Vid. N.C. Bharadwaj** (Disciple of *Sangeeta Kalanidhi, Padma Vibhushan* Umayalapuram K. Sivaraman) on mridanga and **Vid. R. Rahul** (disciple of *Sangeeta Kalanidhi, Padma Bhushan* M. Chandrashekaran) on violin, according to a press release from Sabha Vice-President Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy.

National Sports Day celebrated at Kuntibetta

Mysuru, Sept. 9- The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, in association with Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), Mysuru and National Adventure Foundation (NAF), Karnataka-2, Mysuru, celebrated *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* and National Sports Day commemorating the birth anniversary of Maj. Dhyan Chand, at Kuntibetta in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district recently.

C.R. Dinesh, Principal, Government PU College, Ballenahalli, delivered a special lecture on the occasion. R. Shivakumar, Vice-President, Automotive Axles, Mysuru, was the guest of honour. Dr. M. Mayigowda, President, Sri Shankarananda Educational Institutions, Kuntibetta, Pragathi Gopalakrishna, Senior Photographer, Rukmini Chandran, Director, NAF, Karnataka-2, Mysuru, S. Siddaramappa, Assistant Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra, and others were present.

'Allow entertainment events with COVID guidelines'

Mysuru, Sept. 9 (SPN&AK)- The members of **Karnataka Samskrutika Mattu Vadyagoshti Kalavidara Okkuta** staged a protest in front of Kalamandira here on Wednesday demanding the State Government to permit hosting of cultural programmes along with COVID guidelines.

The protesting artistes said that their livelihood was dependent on stage programmes and since COVID restrictions, no events were allowed and they were put into severe hardship.

Stating that the COVID relief package announced by the State Government did not reach everyone, the protesters demanded to announce a special package for artistes apart from granting permission to host entertainment programmes.

Artistes Ravi, Santhosh, Shreekanta, Rajabudhi and others led the protest.

WORD OF THE DAY

Doff

Pronunciation: DAHF.
Meaning: To take off or remove (a hat or a piece of clothing).
Origin: Time was, people talked about doffing and donning articles of clothing with about the same frequency. But in the mid-19th century the verb don became significantly more popular and left doff to flounder a bit in linguistic semi-obscurity. Doff and don have been a pair from the start: both date to the 14th century, with doff arising as a Middle English contraction of the phrase "to do off" and don as a contraction of "to do on." Shakespeare was among the first, as far as we know, to use the word as it's defined in the more general sense of "to rid oneself of" or "put aside." He has Juliet give voice to this sense when she says, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose / By any other name would smell as sweet. / ... Romeo, doff thy name; / And for that name, which is no part of thee, / Take all myself."
Example: "The public address announcer asked fans to salute the field of 33 cars as they zipped around the illustrious track on the warm-up lap. Thousands and thousands of fans doffed their caps and roared in approval of the drivers." — Dan Gelston

THE ODD WORD

Danism

Lending money on usury.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Third times a charm

Meaning: You mean that the third time something is attempted, luck is sure to result. The phrase is also used as an actual good luck charm that's spoken just before you try something for the third time.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'third time's a charm' is probably ancient, as things that come in sets of three have often been associated with good luck due to their similarity with the Holy Trinity of Christianity. The first time a similar phrase was seen in print was in 1839, in Elizabeth Barrett Browning's work Letters Addressed to R.H. Horne: "The luck of the third adventure is proverbial."
Example: "I sure hope he doesn't strike out again." Answer: "Maybe he'll get lucky. After all, third time's a charm!"

QUOTE BOX

Charm is the ability to insult people without offending them; nerdiness the reverse. **— Nassim Nicholas Taleb**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer: Far be it from me.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Washing substance
5 George or Henry, briefly
8 Plan detail
12 You as an objective case in old English
13 Yes for the Parisian
14 Ballot or election
15 Defer
17 Norway's capital
18 Hit sharply
19 Revolted
21 Multimedia device (2,3)
24 Core group
25 Cambodian monetary unit
26 Skin hole
27 Lacking training or experience
30 Old time movie __ Ka Panchchi
31 Set in position
32 Pakistan's intelligence agency
33 1051 in Roman numerals
34 A son of Adam
35 Fencing sword
36 Paceman aka "Tiny"
38 Lay out
39 Entertains lavishly
41 Atmospheric Press. Ionisation
42 Female birds
43 The American Government as it is popularly known? (5,3)
48 __ upon a time... : a fairy tale beginning?
49 Little Ronald
50 Regional belt
51 Fishing machine
52 Estimated Time En route
53 Active volcano

DOWN

1 Std. temp. & press.
2 Gloating cry
3 Aircraft Earth Station
4 A liquid fuel
5 Circular band
6 Take to one's heels
7 An absolute ruler
8 Fox's scent
9 Backside or hindquarters
10 Model Macpherson
11 Oaf
16 Shriver of tennis
20 ___ fixe (an obsession)
21 Fill overfull
22 Watch face
23 Home
24 South American raccoon-like mammal
26 Happiness or enjoyment
28 Our continent
29 Cunning
31 "Hey, you!"
35 Decorative band
37 Artist's prop
38 A Programming Lang.
39 Norse deity
40 French name
41 Skin affliction
44 Denial - "ton" anagram?
45 Drunkard
46 Girl's name
47 __ culpa: an admission of guilt

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	B	I	D	■	T	A	I	L	■	A	B	U
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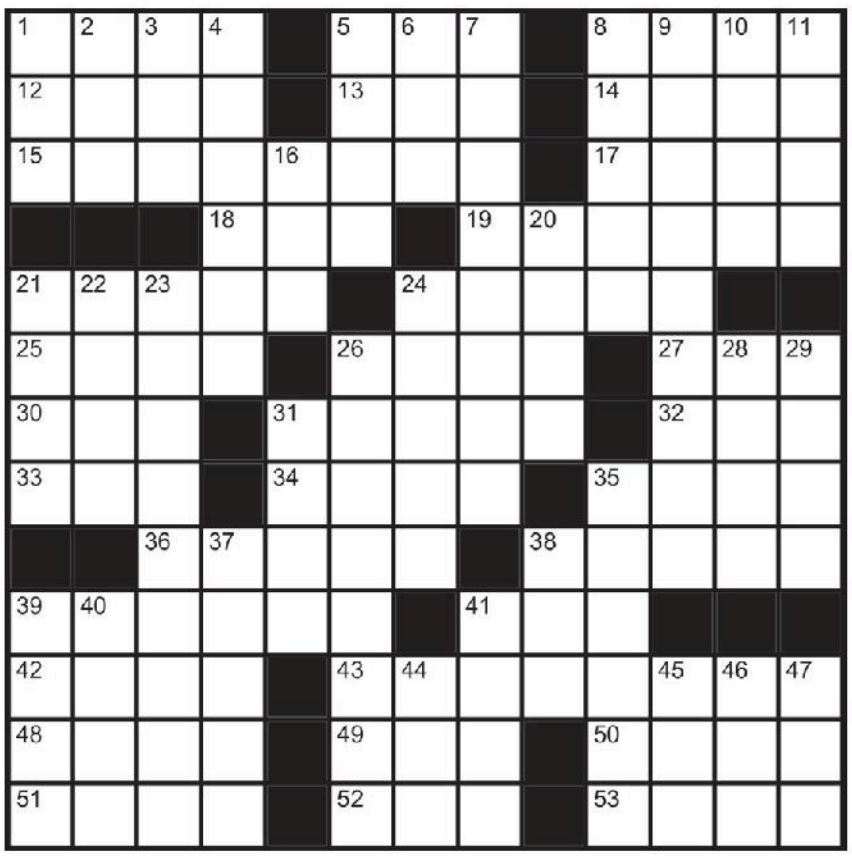

SUDOKU

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		4			1	6		
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1						9	7	
			5		6			
	2	7						6
	3					1		
		8	9			5		
			3	5			4	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	7	3	9	2	5	4	1	6
2	5	4	8	6	1	9	3	7
6	9	1	3	7	4	5	8	2
5	6	8	2	4	9	1	7	3
7	3	9	5	1	8	2	6	4
1	4	2	7	3	6	8	5	9
4	1	7	6	5	2	3	9	8
9	2	6	1	8	3	7	4	5
3	8	5	4	9	7	6	2	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

U QHJUHIH AWVA KZH KX JUXH'G FNHVAHGA

NUGCG UG ZHIHN TVNUZF AK NUGC.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Spare no expense to save money on this one.

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  Fast and Furious 9: The Fast Saga (E) - 4 Shows
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  Mafia Bigg Boss (H) - 4 shows

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Shang-Chi and The Legend (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 1.10 pm
		3.45 pm, 6.20 pm
Shang-Chi and The Legend (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
The Conjuring: Devil Made Me Do It (E)	(S-2)	10.35 am
Bell Bottom (H)	(S-2)	1 pm
	(S-4)	3.55 pm, 6.25 pm
Fast and Furious 9: The Fast Saga (E)	(S-2)	3.30 pm, 6.20 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.05 pm
Chehre (H)	(S-3)	10.25 am, 3.40 pm
Nootokka Jillala Andagadu (Te)	(S-3)	6.20 pm

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	(S-2)	11.00 am
	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.20 pm
Shang-Chi And The Legend (E)	(S-1)	10.50 am
	(S-2)	2.20 am, 5.30 pm
Fast And Furious 9: The Fast Saga (E)	(S-4)	10.20 am
		1.40 pm, 5.00 pm
Bell Bottom (H)	(S-3)	1.20 pm

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Shang-Chi and The Legend (E)	:	9 am, 11 am, 12 noon, 2 pm
		3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm
Shang-Chi and The Legend (K)	:	11.30 am
Shang-Chi and The Legend (H)	:	4.30 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (E)	:	8.40 am, 10 am, 11.10 am
		2.20 pm, 5.30 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (K)	:	5.45 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (H)	:	1.15 pm
Nootokka Jillala Andagadu (Te)	:	2.40 pm
Bell Bottom (H-2D)	:	11.50 am, 6.05 pm
Chehre (H)	:	2.50 pm

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Fast and Furious 9: Fast Saga (K)	:	5.15 pm
Fast And Furious 9: Fast Saga (E)	:	10.45 am, 11.25 am
		2.35 pm, 5.45 pm
Shang-Chi And The Legend (K)	:	11.15 am
Shang-Chi And The Legend (E)	:	9 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3 pm,
		5 pm, 6 pm
Bell Bottom (H-2D)	:	2.15 pm

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Asmee (Te)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 4.00 pm
The Killer (Te)	(S-1)	1.00 pm, 6.00 pm
Shang-Chi and The Legend (E)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 1.15 pm
		3.50 pm, 6.25 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Mysore University Kickboxers excel in Karnataka Urban Championship

The Kickboxers, who train under University of Mysore (UoM), have excelled at the Karnataka Urban Boxing Championship-2021 held at Elite Academy, Rajivnagar, Mysuru, on Aug. 31, by winning 12 gold medals, 2 silver medals and 1st Runners-up Trophy. The medal-winners — *(standing from left)* ***R. Akash (NIEIT) - gold in -91 kgs, Gibson Karl (Mahajana Degree College) - gold in -69 kgs, K. Jayashankar (NIE) - gold in -60 kgs, G. Sampreeth (NIE) - gold in -52 kgs, Abhishek K. Gowda (Yuvaraja's College) - silver in -69kgs, B.S. Krishna (K. Puttaswamy Degree College) - gold in -81 kgs, N.L. Durga Bhavani (BGS College-Kuvempunagar)- gold in -54 kg, H.K. Guruprasad (Government Junior College-Srirangapatna) - silver in -56 kgs, U. Gagandeep Kumar (St. Joseph Central School-Vijayanagar) - gold in 38 kgs, N.C. Subhash (SJCE) - gold in +91 kgs, K. Dinesh Kumar (St. Joseph's College) - silver in -64 kgs, L. Koushal (DAV Public School) - gold in -54 kgs;*** *(front row)* ***S. Chanikya (Notre Dame School) - gold in 16 kgs and Vishnu Nayak (JSS Public School - Saraswathipuram) - gold in 21 kgs — are seen with*** *(sitting from left)* ***S. Jaswanth, Kickboxing Coach, UoM and Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director, Department of Physical Education (DPE), UoM.***

National Sports Awards

Devendra Jhajharia, Venkatesh Prasad named in Selection Committee

New Delhi, Sept. 9- Three-time Paralympic medal-winning javelin-thrower Devendra Jhajharia and former cricketer Venkatesh Prasad have been named in the Selection Committee for this year's National Sports Awards.

Retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Mukundakum Sharma has been picked as the Chairperson of the Committee, which also includes ex-world champion boxer L. Sarita Devi, decorated former shooter Anjali Bhagwat and former women's cricket team captain Anjum Chopra, the Sports Ministry stated in a circular.

Jhajharia

Prasad

Jhajharia won a silver medal at the recent Tokyo Paralympics, adding to the two gold medals he had won in the 2004 and 2016 editions.

The Committee will be meeting in the next few days to decide the winners. This year's awards were delayed after the Government decided to wait for India's performance at both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The highest honour is the Khel Ratna award, which was rechristened from Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna to Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna this year, followed by the Arjuna award.

The Khel Ratna carries a prize money of Rs. 25 lakh, while the Arjuna comes with a prize money of Rs. 15 lakh.

For coaches, the Dronacharya award is there. The annual honours also include the Lifetime Achievement award, the Rahstriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar and the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) trophy for the year 2021.

The Selection Committee also includes hockey coach Baldev Singh, Sports Authority of India Director General Sandip Pradhan, and senior journalists Vijay Lokapally and Vikrant Gupta.

US Open: Novak Djokovic reaches semi-finals

2 wins away from Calendar Grand Slam

Mysuru, Sept. 9- World No. 1 Novak Djokovic inched closer to a Calendar Grand Slam as he reached the semi-finals at the US Open, beating Italian Matteo Berrettini in four sets today.

The 34-year-old defeated Berrettini 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 in three hours and 26 minutes at the Flushing Meadows.

Djokovic, who has already won the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon this season, is now just two matches away from winning his fourth Grand Slam title of the season and needs to win the US Open to become the first player since Rod Lever (1969) to complete a Calendar Slam.

In the semi-finals on Saturday, Djokovic will take on Tokyo Olympics Champion Alexander Zverev, who reached his fourth career Slam semi-final by eliminating South Africa's 46th-ranked Lloyd Harris 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, 6-4.

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So gentle, so patient and kind
It's hard in the world your equal to find,
Deep in our hearts your memories are kept,
We love you too deeply ever to forget,
Silent thoughts of you bring many a tear,
Our memories of you will ever be dear.

A tribute of love from : Children,
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FOND REMEMBRANCE

Nadikeriyanda P. Kalappa (Ravi)
Rtd. Asst. Director of Agriculture,
Ex. President of Kodava Samaja, Mysore.
Left for the heavenly abode on 9-9-2013

Your Life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words,
Missed beyond measure.
Your love, guidance and blessings
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